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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO CHIEF
EXECUTIVE DONALD TSANG

¶1. Please deliver the following message from Secretary Rice to Chief Executive Donald Tsang. The Department of State does not plan to release the text of the Secretary's message but has no objection if the Government of Hong Kong wishes to do so. There will be no signed original.

¶2. Begin Text:

Dear Mr. Tsang:

Congratulations on your selection and appointment as Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. I look forward to working with you as we address the issues and challenges that face us in today's world. The United States and Hong Kong enjoy a strong partnership in many areas, and we appreciate Hong Kong's role as one

of the world's most open economies. We look forward to Hong Kong's hosting of the World Trade Organization's Sixth Ministerial Conference in December. We also greatly appreciate Hong Kong's strong support in the war on terror.

I am confident that as Chief Executive you will continue to work hard to promote democratic reform, development, and continued economic prosperity in Hong Kong.

With best wishes as you take up your new responsibilities,

Sincerely,
Condoleezza Rice

End Text.

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